

A minimum of three sequential units in at least four of the following six vocational service areas: agriculture, business or office occupations, health occupations, ~~consumer and family and~~ consumer sciences or home economics occupations, industrial technology or trade and industrial education, and marketing education. Instruction shall be competency-based, articulated with postsecondary programs of study, and include field, laboratory, or on-the-job training. Each sequential unit shall include instruction in a minimum set of competencies established by the department of education that relate to the following: new and emerging technologies; job-seeking, job-adaptability, and other employment, self-employment and entrepreneurial skills that reflect current industry standards and labor-market needs; and reinforcement of basic academic skills. The instructional programs shall also comply with the provisions of chapter 258 relating to vocational education. However, this ~~subsection~~ paragraph does not apply to the teaching of vocational education in nonpublic schools which do not offer vocational education programs.

Sec. 3. NEW SECTION. 256.11B VOCATIONAL EDUCATION INSTRUCTION — NON-PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

A nonpublic school which provides an educational program that includes grades nine through twelve shall offer and teach five units of occupational education subjects, which may include, but are not limited to, programs, services, and activities which prepare students for employment in business or office occupations, trade and industrial occupations, consumer and family sciences or home economics occupations, agriculture occupations, marketing occupations, and health occupations. By July 1, 1993, instruction shall be competency-based, articulated with postsecondary programs of study, and may include field, laboratory, or on-the-job training.

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CHAPTER 1128

MENTAL HEALTH, MENTAL RETARDATION, AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES DIVISION — PUBLIC HOUSING UNIT *S.F. 2294*

AN ACT authorizing the administrator of the division of mental health, mental retardation, and developmental disabilities of the department of human services to establish a public housing unit within a bureau of the division.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

Section 1. Section 225C.4, subsection 2, Code 1991, is amended by adding the following new paragraph:

NEW PARAGRAPH. e. Administer a public housing unit within a bureau of the division to apply for, receive, and administer federal assistance, grants, and other public or private funds for purposes related to providing housing to persons with mental illness, mental retardation, or a developmental disability in accordance with section 225C.45.

Sec. 2. NEW SECTION. 225C.45 PUBLIC HOUSING UNIT.

1. The administrator may establish a public housing unit within a bureau of the division to apply for, receive, and administer federal assistance, grants, and other public or private funds for purposes related to providing housing to persons with mental illness, mental retardation, or a developmental disability.

2. In implementing the public housing unit, the division may do all of the following:

a. Prepare, implement, and operate housing projects and provide for the construction, improvement, extension, alteration, or repair of a housing project under the division's jurisdiction.

b. Develop and implement studies, conduct analyses, and engage in research concerning housing and housing needs. The information obtained from these activities shall be made available to the public and to the building, housing, and supply industries.

c. Cooperate with the Iowa finance authority and participate in any of the authority's programs. Use any funds obtained pursuant to subsection 1 to participate in the authority's programs. The division shall comply with rules adopted by the authority as the rules apply to the housing activities of the division.

3. In accepting contributions, grants, or other financial assistance from the federal government relating to a housing activity of the division, including construction, operation, or maintenance, or in managing a housing project or undertaking constructed or owned by the federal government, the division may do any of the following:

a. Comply with federally required conditions or enter into contracts or agreements as may be necessary, convenient, or desirable.

b. Take any other action necessary or desirable in order to secure the financial aid or cooperation of the federal government.

c. Include in a contract with the federal government for financial assistance any provision which the federal government may require as a condition of the assistance that is consistent with the provisions of this section.

4. The division shall not proceed with a housing project pursuant to this section, unless both of the following conditions are met:

a. A study for a report which includes recommendations concerning the housing available within a community is publicly issued by the division. The study shall be included in the division's recommendations for a housing project.

b. The division's recommendations are approved by a majority of the city council or board of supervisors with jurisdiction over the geographic area affected by the recommendations.

5. Property acquired or held pursuant to this section is public property used for essential public purposes and is declared to be exempt from any tax or special assessment of the state or any state public body as defined in section 403A.2. In lieu of taxes on the property, the division may agree to make payments to the state or a state public body, including but not limited to the division, as the division finds necessary to maintain the purpose of providing low-cost housing in accordance with this section.

6. Any property owned or held by the division pursuant to this section is exempt from levy and sale by execution. An execution or other judicial process shall not be issued against the property and a judgment against the division shall not be a lien or charge against the property. However, the provisions of this subsection shall not apply to or limit the right of the federal government to pursue any remedies available under this section. The provisions of this subsection shall also not apply to or limit the right of an obligee to take either of the following actions:

a. Foreclose or otherwise enforce a mortgage or other security executed or issued pursuant to this section.

b. Pursue remedies for the enforcement of a pledge or lien on rents, fees, or revenues.

7. In any contract with the federal government to provide annual payments to the division, the division may obligate itself to convey to the federal government possession of or title to the housing project in the event of a substantial default as defined in the contract and with respect to the covenant or conditions to which the division is subject. The obligation shall be specifically enforceable and shall not constitute a mortgage. The contract may also provide that in the event of a conveyance, the federal government may complete, operate, manage, lease, convey, or otherwise deal with the housing project and funds in accordance with the terms of the contract. However, the contract shall require that, as soon as is practicable after the federal government is satisfied that all defaults with respect to the housing project are

cured and the housing project will be operated in accordance with the terms of the contract, the federal government shall reconvey the housing project to the division.

8. The division shall not undertake a housing project pursuant to this section until a public hearing has been held. At the hearing, the division shall notify the public of the proposed project's name, location, number of living units proposed, and approximate cost. Notice of the public hearing shall be published at least once in a newspaper of general circulation at least fifteen days prior to the date set for the hearing.

Sec. 3. HOUSING PROGRAMS STUDY REQUESTED. The legislative council is requested to establish a committee for the 1992 interim to study federal, state, and local housing programs. The interim study shall include existing housing programs and consider funding streams, including expanded federal funding available through the federal Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act of 1990, Pub. L. No. 101-625. The committee shall give attention to existing housing and housing planning, in developing its recommendations to the legislative council and the general assembly.

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CHAPTER 1129

UNFAIR AND DISCRIMINATORY PRACTICES IN HOUSING

S.F. 2301

AN ACT relating to unfair and discriminatory practices in housing and subjecting violators to civil actions and existing criminal penalties.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

Section 1. Section 601A.2, Code Supplement 1991, is amended by adding the following new subsection:

NEW SUBSECTION. 3A. "Covered multifamily dwelling" means any of the following:

- a. A building consisting of four or more dwelling units if the building has one or more elevators.
- b. The ground floor units of a building consisting of four or more units.

Sec. 2. Section 601A.2, subsection 8, Code Supplement 1991, is amended by adding the following new unnumbered paragraph:

NEW UNNUMBERED PARAGRAPH. "Familial status" also means a person who is pregnant or who is in the process of securing legal custody of an individual who has not attained the age of eighteen years.

Sec. 3. Section 601A.2, subsection 12, Code Supplement 1991, is amended to read as follows:

12. "Unfair practice" or "discriminatory practice" means those practices specified as unfair or discriminatory in sections 601A.6, 601A.7, 601A.8, 601A.8A, 601A.9, 601A.10, and 601A.11, and 601A.11A.

Sec. 4. Section 601A.8, unnumbered paragraph 1 and subsections 1 and 2, Code 1991, are amended to read as follows:

It shall be an unfair or discriminatory practice for any person, owner, or person acting for an owner, of rights to housing or real property, with or without compensation, including but not limited to persons licensed as real estate brokers or salespersons, attorneys, auctioneers, agents or representatives by power of attorney or appointment, or any person acting under court order, deed of trust, or will: